—HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
I TALKED TO HAKUOU EARLIER.
AW, I'M JEALOUS.
SO? WHAT'D YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT?
HE ASKED IF I'D SEEN HIMURA-SAN
I SEE...
AS ALWAYS, IT'S ABOUT HIMURA-SAN
SEEMS SO, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT COMES WITH BEING AN EXCLUSIVE BUTLER AFTERALL.
"Sendou's Diary" ~He's over there!~ No. 1
suddenly stops
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Chapter 30

Butler-sama's Favorite

WHY
!!!
...HIMURA?
!!!
DID I THINK THAT?
...AS I THOUGHT, THERE'S SOMETHING YOU'RE NOT TELLING ME...?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU DON'T WANT ME TO KNOW OR—
...EH?

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creak
—AH...
THAT'S RIGHT, COME ON HAKUOU.
EH? OH YEAH...
IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO SEE KUSUNOKI-SAN OFF!
glance
...UHM
I HEARD THAT HAKUOU-SAN WAS IN HERE LOOKING FOR HIMURA-SAN
KUSUNOKI-SAN?
WHY ARE YOU HERE...
—LATER THEN!
...

...ALTHOUGH I HEARD FROM OTHERS THAT THE REASON YOU BECAME HER EXCLUSIVE BUTLER WAS ONLY TO HELP HER OUT.
EH...?
...YOU CARE ABOUT HER VERY MUCH, AM I RIGHT?
!
.....
IN THE BEGINNING, I ONLY DID HELP HER OUT.
BUT NOW, SHE HAS ALSO HELPED ME OUT WITH A LOT OF THINGS.
...THAT'S WHY
I ALSO WANT TO GIVE BACK TO HER.
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……
DONG
DONG
DONG
DONG
DONG
DONG
……

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!!
—Hakuou
has
always been
beside me.

I DIDN'T THINK BACK THEN
THAT HIS PRESENCE WOULD BE THIS HUGE.
—BUT EVEN SO, I
"I LIKE HAKUOU-SAN"
WANT TO BE WITH HAKUOU.
IGNORING THIS
FEELING,

—THIS FEELING
realize
THAT'S INSIDE OF ME.
—RYOU-CHAN?
DID I SCARE YOU...?
I SAW YOU WHILE I WAS CLIMBING UP THE STAIRS AND I THOUGHT ABOUT COMING OVER, BUT .
...ARE YOU OKAY, RYOU-CHAN?
SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED YESTERDAY, AM I RIGHT?
EH?
I-I WONDER.
THAT'S NOT IT?
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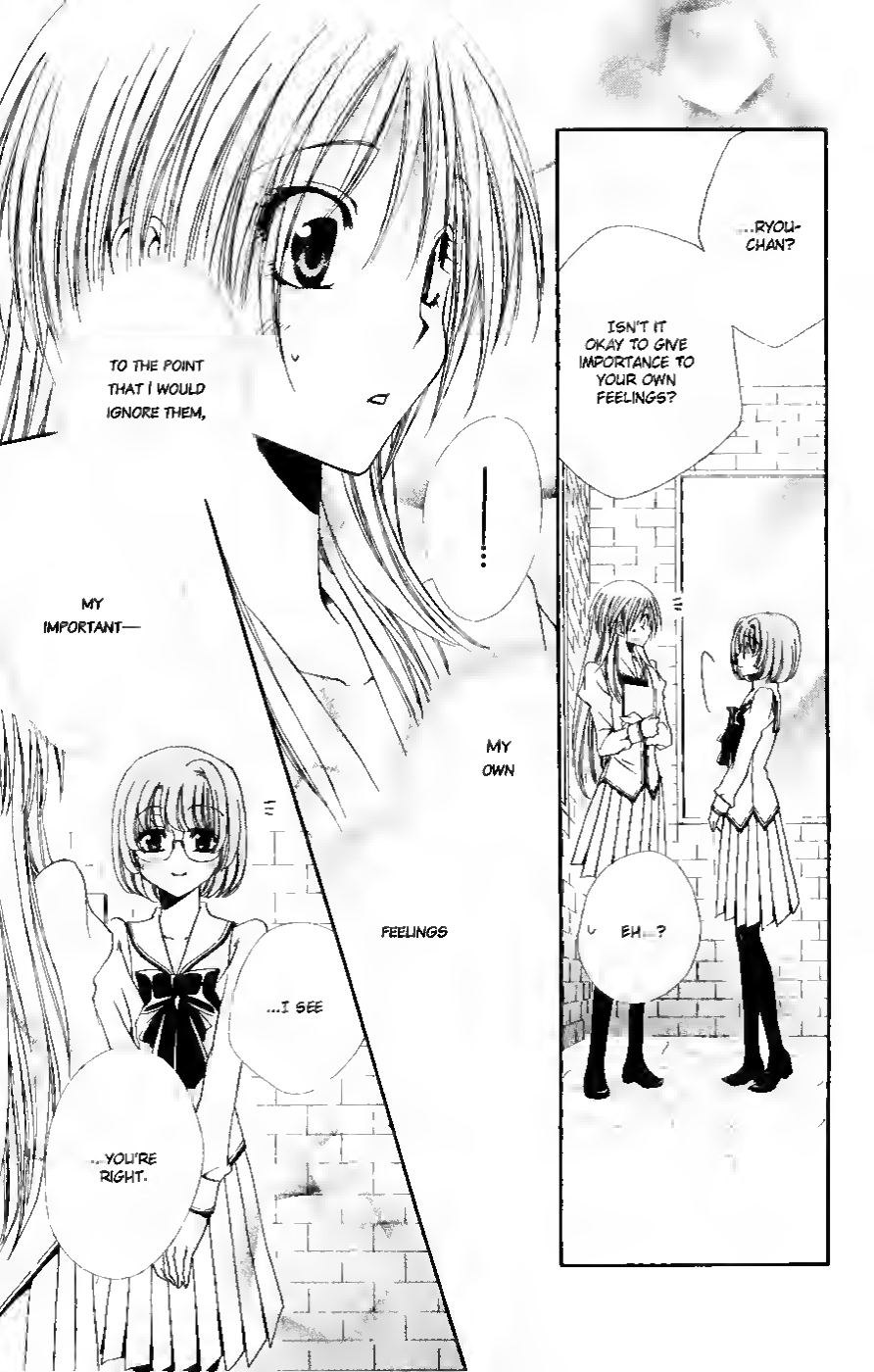
...RYOU-CHAN?
ISN'T IT OKAY TO GIVE IMPORTANCE TO YOUR OWN FEELINGS?
EH...?
!!
TO THE POINT THAT I WOULD IGNORE THEM,
MY IMPORTANT—
MY OWN
FEELINGS
...I SEE
..YOU'RE RIGHT.

—THANK YOU.
...IS THAT SO?
...IF THAT'S HOW IT IS,
...AS I EXPECTED,
IT SEEMS THAT OUR GREATEST HINDRANCE WILL BE THAT FEMALE STUDENT...
IN ORDER TO SEPARATE HER FROM KANZAWA-SAMA,
!!!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED THAT I MIGHT HAVE TO USE BRUTE FORCE...
!!
...TO THE EXTENT THAT I WOULD HAVE TO COME TO THAT...
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—NOT MUCH..
—WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THIS, MAKOTO-SAMA?
—I JUST THOUGHT THAT IT SEEMS TOO MUCH.
THAT I BROUGHT UP SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO YOU.

神澤伯王に 調査報
FOR THE SAKE OF THE KUSUNOKI FAMILY,
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T THINK OF ANY UNNECESSARY THINGS.
IS THAT UNDERSTOOD, MAKOTO-SAMA?
……

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IS THAT SO?
...AND WELL—
.....
EH?
...THAT IS EXCELLENT TIMING.
...I TOO
HAVE SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO REQUEST OF HIMURA-SAN.
AHHHH
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE BEEN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS?

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EH?
IT'S OKAY, DON'T MIND IT.
YES...
...I'M SORRY,
ASKING YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME...
EH...?
AND?
WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO, KUSUNOKI-SAN?
...UHM
I'M FINE WITH ANY SHOP...
AH
I SEE, THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME, RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT THAT PLACE?
THE FOOD IS DELICIOUS THERE.

FOR ME, THIS AND THIS
DOUBLE SCOOP PLEASE AND
KUSUNOKI-SAN,
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON WHICH ONE YOU WANT?
.....
.....
...I DON'T KNOW.
...UHMM...
.....
.....
ISN'T IT OKAY TO JUST PICK WHICHEVER ONE YOU LIKE?
...IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO PICK WHICH ONE?

EH?
...HAKUOU-SAN ALSO SAID THE SAME THING.
...AS A CHILD,
AT THE TIME THAT I MET HAKUOU-SAN
"—YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO PLAY?"
"...I THINK IT'S OKAY TO PLAY WHATEVER WE WANT, BUT"
"I ALSO THINK THAT IT'S BETTER TO PICK THE THINGS YOU LIKE."
.....
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..I SEE
..EH?
AS I THOUGHT, EVEN FROM WHEN HE WAS A KID, HAKUOU IS STILL HAKUOU
I ALSO FELT THAT WHEN I MET HIM
"—I DON'T WANT TO BE JUDGED BY MY FAMILY NAME
I WANT TO COMPETE WITH MY OWN SKILLS "
..BUT...
EVER SINCE I WAS BORN, I HAD A ROLE TO ASSUME IN THAT HOUSE.
...IF I MEET THOSE EXPECTATIONS, EVERYBODY WILL BE HAPPY
...AND YET, WHY IS IT THAT WHEN I DISOBEY THOSE EXPECTATIONS—

..IT WOULD FEEL WRONG IF YOU WERE TO DIS-OBEY THEM.
..I THINK THAT HAKUOU WOULD PROBABLY SAY
"I WANT TO CONFRONT THEM WITH MY HONEST FEELINGS."
..YOU UNDERSTAND HAKUOU-SAN VERY WELL
AND THEN, HE WILL GO TOWARDS THAT GOAL ALL BY HIMSELF, BUT
THAT'S HAKUOU, RIGHT?
EH?
—NO...
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL, BUT ..!
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—YEAH.
BUT..
...IT'S BECAUSE I THINK THINGS LIKE "I WANT TO UNDERSTAND HIM."
...HIMURA-SAN,
EH?
WE SHOULD PROBABLY GO HOME—
grip

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SLAM
WAI_!
—I HAVE NO CHOICE...!
_UWAAA!
_EH!?
EH?
HIMURA-SAN,
...FOR NOW, PLEASE BE QUIET.
...BEING A LADY,
I WONDER IF SHE'S ALREADY USED TO BEING KIDNAPPED...?
...IS... IS THAT SO...?

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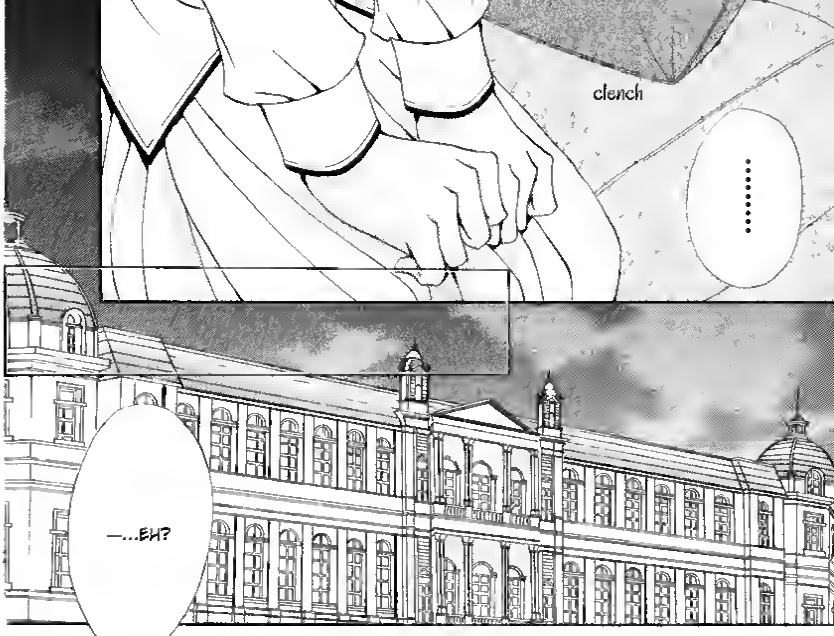
IT'S NO USE..
"I WAS FORCED TO GO OUT BY HIMURA RYOU."
WE'VE REALLY BEEN KIDNAPPED...
PLEASE LURE HIMURA RYOU OUT TOMORROW
WHILE YOU ARE BOTH TOGETHER, MAKOTO-SAMA WILL BE KIDNAPPED
...EH...?
OF COURSE, SINCE THIS IS STAGED, THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO WORRY.
PLEASE SAY THIS ONLY AFTER YOU ARE DISCOVERED



I'M SORRY,
...NO.
WHILE I WAS SERVING AS HER CARE-TAKER
.....
IT SEEMS THAT THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA OF THE MAIN GATE SHOWED WHAT SEEMS TO BE TWO PEOPLE LEAVING
KUSUNOKI-SAN AND HIMURA WENT OUT AND HAVEN'T COME BACK. .?

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...TO BEGIN WITH
...MAKOTO-SAMA ISN'T THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO'D GO OUT,
ALTHOUGH KANZAWA-SAMA IS THAT FEMALE STUDENT'S EXCLUSIVE BUTLER. .
..DON'T TELL ME
EH?
PERHAPS, THEN, MAKOTO-SAMA—
IT'S BECAUSE SHE WANTS TO PUT A STOP TO KANZAWA-SAMA TAKING CARE OF MAKOTO-SAMA?
—THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE,
...IF IT'S HIMURA,
THAT KIND OF THING IS COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE.
.....
KANZAWA?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
IT'S ALREADY PAST CURFEW
I'M GOING TO FIND THEM.

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THE FACT THAT THEY WERE KIDNAPPED
AND AS PLANNED, MAKOTO-SAMA WILL TESTIFY ABOUT IT.
..THAT'S FINE
THUMP
THUMP
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANOTHER WAY OUT...
.....
—...AH!
..SIGH..
IT'S NO GOOD

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reach
—OKAY!
LET'S GO!
EH?
I WOULD NEVER THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
..EARLIER,
...WHEN I WAS BEING KIDNAPPED,
EVEN THOUGH YOU COULD HAVE ALSO ESCAPED ON YOUR OWN.
HMM?
..WHY DID YOU COME HERE WITH ME?

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HIMURA-SAN,
—I
..CAN'T ANYMORE
ARE YOU TIRED?
THEN, LET'S WALK FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
IT'S SAFER UP HERE
.....

EH?
HIMURA-SAN,
WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU WANTED TO TALK ABOUT?
OH YEAH...
I FORGOT ABOUT THAT...
...UHM, YOU SEE...
—BEFORE, REMEMBER HOW YOU ASKED ME ABOUT HAKUOU BEING MY BUTLER?
I COULDN'T SAY IT PROPERLY, BUT—
...MAYBE
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE TOGETHER WITH HIM.
EVEN KNOWING THAT YOU WANTED TO BE TOGETHER WITH HAKUOU AS WELL...
...I'M SORRY,
THIS FEELING WON'T LIKELY CHANGE.
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...YOU'RE WRONG
EH?
—I AM THE ONE AT FAULT.
...I'M SORRY.
!!
BECAUSE KUSUNOKI-SAN TOLD ME HER HONEST FEELINGS BEFORE,
I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD SAY IT PROPERLY AS WELL—
...IT'S A LIE,
SAYING THAT I LIKE HAKUOU-SAN—
!!

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—Before I knew it,
I had become naturally unaware of it.
Hakuou...!
Perhaps it has always been right in front of me.

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LIKE YOU THIS MUCH.
—...YEP...
.....
KUSUNOKI-SAN,
YOU'RE SAFE AS WELL.
—MAKOTO-SAMA!
...YES.

EH
...YOU,
WITH MAKOTO-SAMA, WHAT WERE YOU—
—DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?
...WHAT YOU ASKED OF ME WAS UNREASON-ABLE.
...I WANTED TO GO SHOPPING TOGETHER WITH HER AND
...I'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK ON IT FOR A WHILE NOW
...I AM SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.
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...UP UNTIL TODAY,
!
...HAKUOU-SAN,
...HIMURA-SAN.
THANK YOU FOR THE HELP.
...KUSUNOKI-SAN—
.....
..IF IT'S LIKE THIS,
THEY WILL BE DISAPPOINTED IN ME, RIGHT?
..MAKOTO-SAMA..
UP UNTIL NOW, FOR WHAT—

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MASAKI...
...HMM?
...THANK YOU,"
DOES THAT MEAN I'M DISMISSED...?
THAT... THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE..

EH !
B-B-B-
BECAUSE
Hmm?
WHAT'S
WRONG?
S-S-S-
SORRY!
—AH...!
IF YOU
NOTICE IT,
!
COMPARED TO
BEFORE, YOU'RE
DAZZLING
MORE
WHEN I'M
BESIDE
YOU.
.....
—I...
I...
EARLIER...

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